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Opera — Midsummer Britten

▶ COWELL THEATER

A Midsummer Night's Dream

One of Shakespeare's most popular comedies, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, is the inspiration for the Conservatory Opera Theatre's new production at the Cowell Theater this April. The opera of the same name, by British composer Benjamin Britten, is set "once upon a time in the Far East," and features enchanted lovers, sprightly fairies, and roguish Ottoman mortals. Exotic music complements the magical, mystical aura of this haunting production.

Richard Harrell, former director of the San Francisco Opera Center, directs the opera. The conductor is Andrew Mogrelia, music director of the Conservatory orchestra, and Kathryn Cathcart is music director. The performers are drawn from Opera Theatre's pool of exceptional student singers.

Conservatory Opera Theatre recruits talented young artists from around the world and provides advanced instruction in voice, acting, stage movement, and other essentials of opera craft. It is part of the collegiate program of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, one of the world's premiere music schools. The Conservatory offers instruction to more than 1,300 students annually, and its students and faculty present more than 1,600 public performances each year.

This is not the first time that the Conservatory Opera Theatre has chosen the Cowell Theater as its venue — last year they performed Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro* and in past years have performed *Cendrillon* and *Gianni Schicchi*, among others.

See the April 12 calendar listing and visit www.sfcm.org. — *JR*

Arts College Celebrates 100 Years

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Now in its 100th year, the California College of the Arts (CCA) celebrates its long-standing history of achievement on April 25 with the Centennial Gala and Threads Fashion Show at Fort Mason Center's Festival Pavilion.

This much-anticipated event is the centerpiece of a yearlong celebration of the college's 100 years of academic excellence in the areas of fine arts, architecture, design, and writing. More than 1,300 guests are expected to attend. The gala includes a cocktail reception and dinner prepared by San Francisco's own Taste Catering, followed by the fashion show. Renowned designer Stanlee Gatti provides the evening's décor, and the show features the original collections of up-and-coming designers presented on a high-caliber runway with professional models.

A jury of faculty and industry professionals chose this year's designers from the CCA fashion design class of 2007. Along with fine fashion on display, the event honors San Francisco retailer Wilkes Bashford with the CCA Fashion Industry Award for his contributions to the fashion community. Hailed by *Esquire Magazine* as "The Most Important Men's Fashion Specialist in the Country," Bashford is the recipient of numerous awards and honors, including the Cutty Sark Award for the Best Men's Store and the Hall of Fame of the International Best Dressed List.

Proceeds from the celebration help support scholarships for CCA students. Established in 1996, CCA's fashion design program is idea-driven, emphasizing both design concepts and skill development. Students learn the technical skills of pattern making, sewing, draping, and fashion illustration, as well as visual and oral communication. Alumni of the program have gone on to positions with such prominent designers as Donna Karan, BCBG, and Alexander McQueen.

For more about the gala and fashion show see the April 25 calendar listing or visit www.cca.edu. — *AL*

International Beer Festival

▶ FESTIVAL PAVILION

Where else are you going to be able to choose from some of the world's finest microbrews and other rarities, sample food from some of the city's best restaurants, listen to live music, and donate to a good cause?

On Saturday, April 28, the 24th San Francisco International Beer Festival opens the doors of the Festival Pavilion, providing guests with an unlimited tasting of more than 150 beers. Proceeds benefit the children at Telegraph Hill Cooperative Nursery School, a parent-run school in operation for more than 50 years.

The first festival was held in 1983, with 100 people attending. Last year, 3,000 people from around the Bay Area enjoyed the fun, and by doing so provided 70 percent of the school's annual operating budget. Beer makers and distributors donate the brew that brings the bucks.

Last year's featured beers and ales included Old Peculiar, Flying Dog, and Devil's Canyon plus product from Brasserie de Tahiti Brewery, Lost Coast Brewery, and Mad River Brewery. Maybe you've heard of them? Maybe not. That's the fun of it.

Check the April 28 calendar listing or visit www.sfbeerfest.com. —*RT*

Fort Mason Center's Mission

To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

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RUMBLINGS, RAMBLINGS AT THE FORT

OUR OWN SILVER SCREEN... The **Cowell Theater** hosted **Rory Kennedy**'s film *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib*. It screened here before being shown on HBO. So was **Queen Latifah's** film, *Life Support*. The Queen wasn't in attendance however. **Kamala Harris**, the reigning San Francisco DA came to the San Francisco Noir opening at the Cowell. Also, acclaimed documentary director **Ken Burns** showed up with clips from his upcoming series, *The War*, about World War II.

IN RELATED NEWS...James Dalessandro, who regularly teaches screenwriting here, has had his popular, historical, earthquake novel, *1906*, picked up by **Warner Bros** for the big screen. So sayeth **Leah Garchik**. The *San Francisco Chronicle* columnist also said that *The Incredibles* director **Brad Bird** has been chosen to direct.

HE MADE THE DEVIL DO IT... Cowell booking director **Rudy Guerrero** got rave reviews for his performance in *Pippin* at the **Foothill Music Theatre** in Los Altos Hills. One of the raves about the devilishly good Guerrero said he gave a "marvelously evil interpretation" of Beelzebub.

READ THE ENTIRE MONTHLY ONLINE... You can now read the ***Fort Mason Center Monthly*** on our web site www.fortmason.org /monthly. In fact, we've begun archiving each month since January. Simply download the PDF. You can also receive an early e-mail alert each month. The alert informs you about upcoming events. Subscribe free on the web site's home page.

CAMPUS NOTES... Magic Theatre attendees will have a chance to enjoy the new third floor lounge between acts. Prints by the very young (three and a half, for example), continue on display in the Fort Mason Foundation lobby. Thanks to the **Children's Art Center**. Rembrandt, eat your heart out. The recently expanded **Book Bay Bookstore** brims with prints, videos, cards, and of course, books of all kinds. The **Museo ItaloAmericano** is not only offering Italian language classes at Fort Mason Center, but also in Palo Alto (Cubberley Community Center) and in Albany (Atrium Plaza).

MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS... A quarter-century ago in April, Fort Mason Center hosted the **San Francisco American Indian Arts & Craft Show**, the **All-Women Poetry and Film Program**, and **Irish Country Dance Concert**, a production of *Ghosts* by **John O'Keefe** at the Magic Theatre. Two decades ago, **James Broughton**, **Robert Bly**, **Philip Lamantia**, **Gary Snyder**, and **Michael McClure** were among the dozens of poets who gathered here to read and celebrate **National Poetry Week**. — *Staff*

Red Typhoon & The Chinese Cultural Revolution

▶ COWELL THEATER

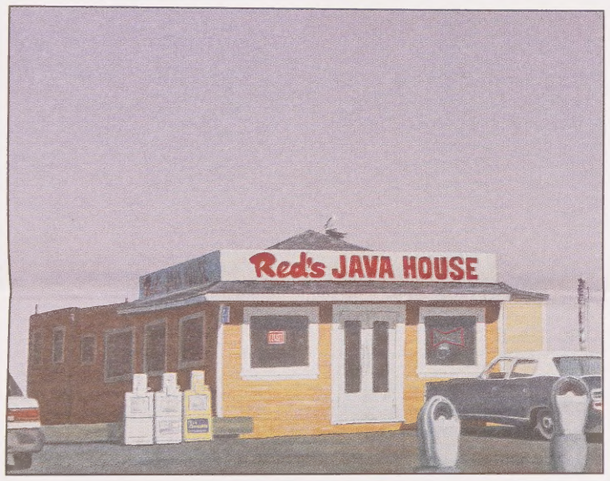
The highly acclaimed Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company commemorates the 40th Anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution with the world premiere of *Red Typhoon* at the Cowell Theater on April 27 and 28.

In an attempt to restore ideological purity in China, Mao Tse Tung and his Red Guards ushered in a decade of political purges that rendered artists, intellectuals, and teachers to reeducation camps. Lily Cai, who, as a child, remembers the phrase "red typhoon" as the phrase that identified the terrifying house-to-house searches and massive arrests, weaves her memories of that time with movement that is at once history lesson, autobiography, and memorial.

Praised for her signature blend of powerful modern dance, ancient Chinese forms, as well as dazzling costumes and props, Lily Cai and her company explore the moment in history that affected so many lives, including Cai herself.

Cai, and the dance company's Music Director, Gang Situ, both Shanghai natives, speak before each of the two performances about the program's cultural and historic references. For more information, check the April 27 Calendar listing. Tickets are available through the Cowell Theater box office at (415) 345-7575 or online at www .fortmason.org. — *RT*

"Portraits" Times Two



"Red's Java House" by Richard L. Perri

▶ MUSEO ITALOAMERICANO, BUILDING C

Richard L. Perri paints portraits. You might not think of them as portraits. In fact most people walking into his showing at the Museo ItaloAmericano would call his work landscapes. But they are portraits nonetheless. For Perri paints what could be called an "endangered species" — the non-glamorous, pre-yuppie, everyday restaurants that populate San Francisco's waterfront and industrial areas. Places that still have bacon and eggs on the menu — or cheeseburgers with American, not Gruyere, cheese. And "a cup of joe" — without a latte in sight.

Standing in bold juxtaposition to these "portraits" are those of the more traditional type, i.e. the kind with people in them. Perri has given us images of some of San Francisco's more colorful or just plain well-known personalities: Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Terry St. John, Matt Gonzalez, Aaron Peskin — even the mayor, Gavin Newsom. Painted in a bold impasto style, the works are as brilliantly colorful as the people portrayed.

Paula Metallo, who shares the Museo space with Perri, also paints the human figure, but their work is worlds apart. In "Rorschach Italians" Metallo, a New York-born artist now living in Italy, deals with what, to her American eyes, makes Italians Italian: food, nurturing, gesturing. Her work concerns duality — by folding the still-wet ink drawings and then pulling them apart, she creates mirrored Rorschach ink-type images.

One gallery is filled with collaged variations of the Duke & Duchess of Urbino portraits in Florence's Uffizi Gallery. For hundreds of years the two have stared at each other in silent repose, so Metallo plays with the idea of what would happen if they could speak, or change hairstyles or clothing. "I wanted to pull out the human relationship behind this couple," she said.

"Rorschach Italians" and "San Francisco Bay Views" are on display through April 22. For more information, see the Ongoing Programs section or visit www.museoitalo americano.org. — *JR*

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www.fortmason.org For the latest information on events, classes and workshops, visit Fort Mason Center's web site. You'll have access to:

- **Latest Event listings**
- **Links To FMC Residents' Web Sites**
- **Monthly E-Newsletter**
- **Online Ticketing**

Tina LeBlanc

▶ COWELL THEATER

Witness dance history. On Monday, April 30, San Francisco Ballet's Tina LeBlanc and Joffrey Ballet's Leslie Carothers share the Cowell Theater stage for a conversation and screening. The two notable ballerinas talk about their experience working and creating dance with this generation's great dancers and choreographers.

The evening is filmed for inclusion in the San Francisco Ballet Center for Dance Education's archive "Words on Dance." Proceeds from the evening benefit the Center.

Special guest Ashley Wheater, ballet master and Assistant to the artistic director at the San Francisco Ballet, makes introductions and joins a post-program celebration with the audience, dancers, and special guests.

Words on Dance is a nationally recognized project. They have been filming on-stage conversations with dancers for more than a decade. Guests have included Maria Tallchief, Helgi Tomasson, Violette Verdy, Edward Villella, Mark Morris, Cynthia Gregory and Peter Martins.

The evening's performance screening is sponsored by Criticaldance.org, an international nonprofit organization that promotes and supports the dance arts, including dance arts professionals, organizations, companies, presenters, writers, and audiences.

For more information check out the April 30 calendar listing, and for tickets call (415) 345-7575 or purchase online at www.fortmason.org/boxoffice. — *RT*

Lining Up For Art Bargains

▶ SAN FRANCISCO MUSEUM OF MODERN ART ARTISTS GALLERY & CONFERENCE CENTER, BUILDING A

One of Fort Mason Center's most popular spring events, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art (SFMOMA) Artists Gallery Annual Warehouse Sale, returns a month early this year. Starting on April 25 and continuing for four days after, the sale features the work of more than 400 West Coast artists, including Jeff Long, Cynthia Innis, Kirk Le Claire, Kim Froshin, Michael Osborne, and Claire Cotts.

All works are 50 percent off regular retail price, and the sale benefits the programs of the Artists Gallery. This year's sale promises to be bigger and better than ever, with a separate gallery devoted to prints and works on paper.

Attendance at the Annual Warehouse Sale is high, with patrons lining up before the doors open to be among the first to take advantage of the fantastic bargains. Although art is restocked throughout the sale, patrons are advised to come early for the best selection.

The opening night reception is a festive event with complimentary wine and music by the Cajun Belles. On Sunday the sale closes with live afternoon jazz by the Roger Tuan Ensemble.

For more information on the sale and reception, see the April 25 calendar listing and visit www.sfmoma .org/museumstore/artists_overview .html. — JR

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Spring Dance Inspiration 2007 La Tania see 4/1 PHOTO: MARTY SOHL

SUNDAY 1

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE adm Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

Bustamante Antiques Show & Sale The largest show of its kind in San Francisco features many of America's finest antique dealers exhibiting a vast array of high quality antiques, fine art, furniture, jewelry, timepieces, porcelains, bronzes, silver, art glass, crystal, folk art, quilts, rugs & more. 3/30-4/1 Fri&Sat 11am-7pm Sun 11am-5pm $7 (ages 12 & under FREE) Herbst Pavilion www.bustamante-shows .com (209) 358-3134

Ode To The Valley Oak: Paintings By Jim Caldwell Bay Area artist Caldwell, best known for his California landscapes, dedicates an exhibit to the state's mighty oak trees. Also featured are seascapes of the San Mateo coast & Tomales Bay. 3/31&4/1 Sat&Sun 11am-3pm FREE adm Bldg A www.jimcaldwellart.com (650) 851-3353

Spring Dance Inspiration 2007 Local favorite La Tania of Spain heads a lineup of international & local dancers in a benefit performance for the National Brain Tumor Foundation. 3/31&4/1 Sat&Sun 7pm $35-$18 ($50/2 days) Cowell Theater www.tkfproductions.com (415) 345-7575

● **Hot House '07** Magic Theatre's popular concept returns. Three world premiere plays are presented in rotating repertory. Through 4/1 Days & times vary. $45-$26/tkt $90/three play series FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

Rust In this biting comedy by Kirsten Greenidge, a black superstar football player learns to play the game on his own terms. Raelle Myrick-Hodges directs. Through 4/1 Wed-Sun

'Bot C. Michèle Kaplan's story of a teenager's world-changing vision is directed by Magic Theatre Artistic Director Chris Smith. Through 4/1 Wed-Sun

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe presents a "Good vs Evil" Theatresports Tournament, The News Show & more. Each Sunday, BATS advanced students perform as the Sunday Players. 4/1-5/26 Fri&Sat 8pm, Sun 7pm (no show 4/8 Sun) $15-$8 ($12-$5 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www .improv.org (415) 474-8935

Theatresports Tournament 4/6-5/25 Fri

Theatresports Tournament Final 5/26 Sat

The News Show 4/7&14 Sat

Spontaneous Broadway 4/21-5/5 Sat

Great American Improv Play 5/12&19

Sunday Players Spring Theatresports Tournament 4/1-22 Sun

Sunday Players Micetro 4/29 Sun

MONDAY 2

See Ongoing Programs

TUESDAY 3

Wellness Group Meeting focuses on wellness & personal growth. Ongoing Tue&Thur 5:15pm FREE Gatehouse (916) 376-1071

WEDNESDAY 4

See Ongoing Programs

THURSDAY5

Wellness Group see 4/3

FRIDAY 6

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

SATURDAY 7

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C (415) 674-1821

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group explores the dynamics of the spiritual journey. Experience encouragement in response to life's everyday challenges & explore how God fits into life's journey. Ongoing Sat 11am (no mtg 4/21) FREE adm Bldg C www.secondwindsf.org (415) 748-0015

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

SUNDAY 8

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/1

MONDAY 9

Z/Magic Mondays Magic Theatre & Z Space Studio team up for a series of work-in-progress plays by local playwrights. 8pm Call for cost Magic Theatre Bldg D www .magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

TUESDAY 10

Wellness Group see 4/3

WEDNESDAY 11

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THURSDAY 12

Journalism In The 21st Century The Stanford Women's Club presents a lecture series by recipients of the John S. Knight Fellowship for professional journalists. 4/12&20 Thur&Fri 10:30am (hospitality 10am), 5/1 Tue 7pm (6:30pm hospitality) $15/lecture Bldg C www.stanfordalumni .org (415) 674-3852

Kathleen McCoy: New Media & Their Effect On Newspapers & Traditional Journalists 4/12

Doug Kim: Exploring Technology, Media, Diversity & Culture To Reach Audiences Of The Future 4/20

Imtiaz Ali: Reporting From Pakistan's Wild West — The Tribal Region Of Pakistan Along The Afghan Border 5/1

● **A Midsummer Night's Dream** The SF Conservatory of Music Opera Theatre presents Benjamin Britten's enchanting opera. This eastern twist on Shakespeare's timeless tale is sung in English. Andrew Mogrelia conducts, Richard Harrell directs & Kathryn Cathcart is music director. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 4/12-15 Thur-Sat 7:30pm Sun 2pm $20-$15 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.sfcm.edu (415) 345-7575

Wellness Group see 4/3

FRIDAY 13

Quake City Rumble Ninety players compete over two days in this first-ever Bay Area Warhammer Fantasy grand tournament (GT), part of the official Indy GT circuit. 4/13-15 Fri-Sun See web site for schedule $55 Bldg A www.leadership2.org (650) 291-1372

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

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Quake City Rumble see 4/13

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TUESDAY 17

Astrology Lecture "Transits From Planetary Pairs" w/Bill Streett, M.A. 7:30-9:30pm $18 ($15 adv) Gatehouse www .geocosmic.org (415) 558-9614

Wellness Group see 4/3

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

Book Bay Bookstore
Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm FREE adm Book Bay Bookstore Bldg C www .friendssfpl.org/bookbaystore .html (415) 771-1076

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus
Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

Classes See Classes & Workshops

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

Fort Mason Foundation Main Office Lobby
Daily 9am-8pm FREE adm Bldg A www.fortmason.org /visualarts (415) 441-3400

Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages An exhibition of art from students ages two through 12 from Fort Mason Center resident the SF Children's Art Center. 2/26-4/6 www .childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Long Now Foundation
The Long Now Foundation promotes & supports long-term thinking through exhibits, lectures & other materials available in its store. Tue-Fri 11am-7pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm FREE adm Bldg A www .longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Museo ItaloAmericano
Gallery & gift shop Wed-Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano .org (415) 673-2200

Rorschach Italians: Mixed Media By Paula Metallo & San Francisco Bay Views: Paintings By Richard L. Perri 2/7-4/22

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)
Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only) FREE adm Bldg E www.nps.gov /safr/historyculture/research contact.htm (415) 561-7030

Sacramento: Port Of Gold see 4/21

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery
Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm FREE adm www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

City Life: Artists Examine Urban Life Works by Michael Biscoe, Eileen David, Jessica Dunne, Maurice Lapp, Anthony Montanino, S. Newman, Norm Rosenberger, Cynde Valle, Charles Valoroso & Adam Vermeire. 3/14-4/13

Fourteenth Annual Artists Warehouse Sale see 4/25

Museo ItaloAmericano
See Rorschach Italians: Mixed Media By Paula Metallo

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Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale Introduction to the 2007 Spring & Summer Collection from Hi Ho Silver SF featuring high-quality sterling silver jewelry & items imported directly from Taxco & Cuernavaca, Mexico. Also presenting a small selection of tableware from Wolmar Castillo & others. 4/20-22 Fri Noon-5:30pm Sat&Sun 10am-4pm FREE adm Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

Journalism In The 21st Century see 4/12

SATURDAY 21

SF Birth & Baby Fair New & expecting parents can meet members of the childbirth & early parenting community at this fair hosted by Maternity Xchange. Take part in workshops, shop for baby items & accessories & save up to 75% on brand-name maternity apparel. 10am-3pm FREE adm Bldg A www.maternityxchange.com (415) 867-7519

Psychic Healing Clinic Experience a basic energy healing with Psychic Horizons. 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** Delight in the beautiful world of Madeline where "in an old house in Paris that was covered with vines, lived twelve little girls in two straight lines." This YPT show is a play and a circus in one. 4/21-5/20 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $9-$6 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Sacramento: Port Of Gold Maritime historian and archivist H. Alan Sims tells the story of Sacramento as a port city, beginning with John Sutter's dream of a large maritime-based agricultural empire on the Sacramento River. 6pm $5 res req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr (415) 561-7040

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

Alcoholics Anonymous see 4/7

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 4/20

SUNDAY 22

Food Addicts In Recovery see 4/1

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● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/21

MONDAY 23

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TUESDAY 24

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or film, placement w/a recording artist, or for an artist development deal. 7-10pm $5 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FOR-SONG

Wellness Group see 4/3

WEDNESDAY 25

14th Annual Artists Warehouse Sale SFMOMA Artists Gallery's highly anticipated annual event features works at 50% off retail price by more than 400 West Coast artists. 4/25-29 Wed 6-9pm (gala reception), Thur&Fri Noon-8pm, Sat Noon-5:30pm, Sun Noon-4pm FREE adm SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/museumstore/artists_overview.html (415) 441-4777

CCA Centennial Gala & Threads Fashion Show The centerpiece event of the yearlong celebration of the California College of the Arts' (CCA) 100th anniversary. A lavish cocktail reception & dinner is followed by a runway fashion show featuring designs by graduating students from the school's fashion design program. 6pm $500-$350 Festival Pavilion www.cca.edu (510) 594-3776

THURSDAY 26

SF Astrological Society "Wealth In The Horoscope" w/Nina Gryphon. 7:30-9:30pm $10 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

Wellness Group see 4/3

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FRIDAY 27

Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company presents "Red Typhoon," a new full-length work commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Blending modern dance w/ancient Chinese forms, dazzling costumes & props, the work explores the impact of the historic event on so many lives. Music Director Gang Situ presents free talks on the Cultural Revolution one hour before the performance. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 4/27&28 Fri&Sat 7-7:30pm FREE talk, 8pm performance $35-$25 Cowell Theater www.ccpsf.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

Artists Warehouse Sale see 4/25

SATURDAY 28

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE adm Bldg C (415) 826-8337

SF International Beer Festival Northern California's original beer festival celebrates its 24th year with this unlimited tasting of more than 150 of the world's finest microbrews & international rarities. Fabulous food, music & raffle prizes are part of the festivities. Proceeds benefit Telegraph Hill Cooperative Nursery School. 7-10pm $65 ($55 adv) Festival Pavilion www.sfbeerfest.com (415) 398-2678

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● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/21

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● **BATS Improv** see 4/1

● **Madeline & The Gypsies** see 4/21

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MONDAY 30

Words On Dance presents SF Ballet Principal Dancer Tina LeBlanc in conversation with former Joffrey Ballet colleague Leslie Carothers. Ashley Wheater, Ballet Master & Assistant to the Artistic Director at SF Ballet, introduces the program, which also includes a ballet screening. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 7:30pm $65 Cowell Theater (415) 345-7575

CCA Centennial Gala & Threads Fashion Show see 4/25

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14th Annual Artists Warehouse Sale see 4/25

Words On Dance Tina LeBlanc in Tomasson/Possokhov's *Don Quixote* see 4/30 PHOTO: © ERIK TOMASSON

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music see Performing Arts classes

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

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Jing Mo Athletic Assn see Martial Arts classes

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SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Ongoing enrollment for classes in all media. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

"Printpourri: Printmaking Through The Ages" exhibit through 4/6. See Ongoing Programs.

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Acting Classes for children (ages 7-15), including Basic Magic, Creative Drama, How To Be Funny On Stage, Musical Theatre & others. Call or visit web site for schedule & fees.

Birthday Parties at YPT. Call or visit web site for details.

Madeline & The Gypsies see 4/21

EDUCATION

CCSF Continuing Education See web site for classes & schedule. Spring classes begin 2/5. Offices: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

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Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs, see web site. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

Environmental Traveling Companions see Environment

Learning To Listen, Learning To Teach The course provides a structured approach to adult learning that complements participation w/observable results & accountability between the learners & the facilitator. 4/17-20 Tue-Fri 8:45am-4:45pm Call or visit web site for cost. Bldg C www.globalearning.com (877) 923-3393

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Gentle Power Aerobics see Health & Recreation

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Presidio School Of Management see Environment classes

Princeton Review Earn the highest scores you can on college admissions exams by preparing w/exceptional instructors & timely, challenging materials. Visit web site for course schedule. $1249 Bldg C www.princetonreview.com (800) 2Review (273-8439)

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Testing For The Public Strategies for graduate, law & business school exams. Various dates & times. See web site for more info & cost. Bldg B www.testing4.org (888) 383-7846

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Aesclepion Healing Center You don't have to be sick to try a healing. Attend Aesclepion's spiritual healing clinic. Ongoing meetings Fri 7:30-9:30pm FREE Bldg C www.aesclepion.net (415) 453-6196

Ayurvedic Specialist Program California College of Ayurveda offers state-approved certification in this ancient healing method from India. Ongoing classes Bldg C www.ayurvedacollege.com (866) 541-6699

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Pilates Class at CCSF. Practiced faithfully, pilates yields numerous benefits. Increase your lung capacity and circulation through deep, healthy breathing. 4/11-25 Wed 5:30-7pm See website for cost and course details. Bldg C www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1840

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Learning How To Invest In Stocks This course offered by Better Investing teaches you how to improve your investments using various tools for selecting & analyzing quality stocks. 4/28 Sat "Overview" session 9am-Noon, "Live! Demo" session 1:30-4:30pm $40 for both sessions, $25 for one Bldg C www.betterinvesting.org (415) 924-4974

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Cold Calling Workshop 10am-Noon

Business Promotion: Increase Your Profits in 30 Days Workshop 1-3pm

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PERFORMING ARTS

BATS Improv Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Chinese Dance Academy see Children's classes

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Young Performers Theatre see Children's classes

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SF Children's Art Center see Children's classes

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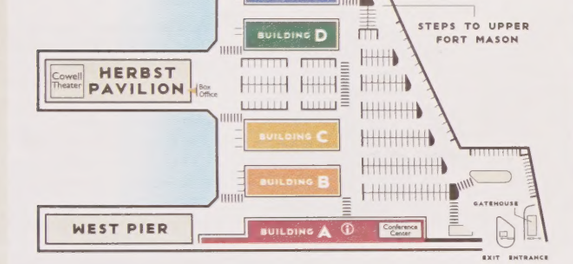

FORT MASON CENTER DIRECTORY

FMC RESIDENTS

Fort Mason Center houses 30 resident nonprofit organizations. These groups can provide you with information on printmaking, broadcasting, river rafting, theater, dance, marine ecosystems, copyrights, and much more. Contact the offices to find out what services, speakers, classes, or trips these outstanding Bay Area groups have to offer.

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Visitor Information (415) 441-3400

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City College Of San Francisco Coffee Gallery (415) 561-1840 **Continuing Education** (415) 561-1860 **Fort Mason Art Campus** (415) 561-1840
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California Lawyers For The Arts (415) 775-7200
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Magic Theatre Office (415) 441-8001 Box office (415) 441-8822
Radio Bilingüe (415) 674-0925
Resource Renewal Institute (415) 928-3774 **Green Century Project** **Green Plan Center** **Water Heritage Trust**
World Arts West (415) 474-3914

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SF Maritime National Historical Park Headquarters (415) 561-7000 **Collections Storage Facility** (415) 561-7060 **SF Documents Department** (415) 561-7070
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PIERS

MIDDLE PIER
Cowell Theater, Herbst Pavilion (415) 441-3400
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LOCATION & PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

FORT MASON CENTER

East Bay Bay Bridge to Fremont Street Exit; on Fremont (100 yards north) take first right on Howard; left on Embarcadero & go 2 miles; left on Bay & go 2 miles; right on Buchanan. Cross Marina Blvd. & sharp right into Fort Mason Center.

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Peninsula/South Bay CalTrain: www.caltrain.com (800) 660-4287
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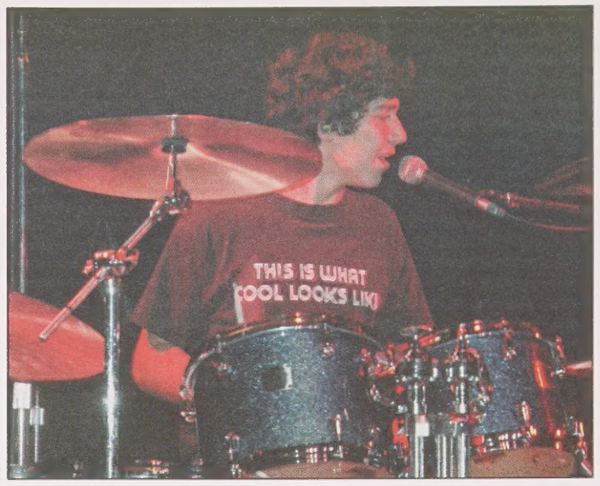
Live — Booker T. Jones & The Blue Bear School Of Music



Blue Bear Live

Booker T. Jones

The legendary Booker T. Jones headlines the Second Annual Blue Bear Live at the Great American Music Hall Saturday, May 12. The benefit — which also features Bonnie Hayes, Vicki Randle, Sista Monica, and the Jazz Mafia Horns — helps fund Blue Bear School of Music's Youth Music Education Initiatives.

"Blue Bear Live provides direct support to kids who want to create and play music, but who might not otherwise have the resources to do so," said Kevin Marlatt, Executive Director of Blue Bear School of Music. "Blue Bear Live really connects the dots for these kids and provides them with real opportunities."

Marlatt believes this is one of the most important things the school can do.

The net proceeds, targeted at $75,000, go toward Blue Bear programs at Fort Mason Center as well as programs at other schools and youth-based service organizations throughout San Francisco.

The fundraising event promises an extraordinary range of talent. It also features performances by the James Lick Middle School Band and the Woodside International School Band. DJ Sterling James is the mistress of ceremonies, and the big night ends with a late set by Shantytown.

The evening includes a silent auction that puts on the block such items as autographed guitars from Ben Harper, James Brown, and Buddy Guy, as well as other music-related memorabilia.

"It's a great party and an even greater cause," Marlatt said.

Blue Bear recently expanded their physical space at Fort Mason Center, and they are using it for a new program that provides early music education for children from four months to five years old.

"Our new Little Bears program is a big hit already," Marlatt said. "The program brings us a whole new community of kids, parents, and caregivers."

Blue Bear School of Music's mission is to provide superior quality and affordable popular music education to aspiring musicians of all ages and skill levels within a supportive and encouraging community. They provide private lessons, group classes, after-school band workshops, the Music for Youth Summer Camp Program, and the Little Bears Music Program. The nonprofit organization was founded in 1971.

For more information visit www.bluebearmusic.org. For tickets call (415) 673-3600. — *RT*

Bonnie Hayes

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Opening Outdoor Adventures To All

Environmental Traveling Companions Participants PHOTO: DIANE POSLOSKY

In 1972, Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) began as an idea hatched by three river guides yearning to share their love of the Stanislaus River with society's disadvantaged.

Thirty-five years later, ETC is a thriving nonprofit here at Fort Mason Center with nearly 400 volunteers who lead 175 guided trips per year for people with disabilities and disadvantaged youth. En route, participants learn valuable social and environmental skills. "We view the outdoors as a perfect venue for developing an inclusive spirit," said ETC Executive Director Diane Poslosky.

In this fashion, ETC blends human service with conservation by taking those who would not otherwise be able to do so on outdoor adventures, including sea kayaking in the San Francisco Bay, whitewater rafting along the American River, and skiing in Bear Valley. Each year, the group shares wilderness experiences with more than 2,200 people with special needs — disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities, and those with life-threatening illnesses. ETC also offers moonlight paddles on the bay, benefit rafting trips, and other expeditions for all comers.

"Over the years, some have asked, 'Do you really take paraplegics down whitewater rivers?' Some people really looked shocked at first," said Poslosky. Recalling her first river trip she guided with visually impaired students from Marin, she said she was struck by the sheer joy and excitement that participants shared as they paddled the rapids and slept under the stars. "After that, I got hooked." She became an avid volunteer, and eventually the group's executive director.

One of ETC's core initiatives, its Youth LEAD Program, trains 14–18-year-olds to become outdoor leaders and put their skills into action. The program takes inner city youth and teens with disabilities on three-week wilderness adventures. Beginning in San Francisco Bay, participants spend a week kayaking and camping on Angel Island. Then they travel to ETC's ecologically-designed education center on the American River for a week of whitewater rafting, camping, and learning, and wrap up their journey backpacking in the Sierra Nevada mountains.

"I feel like I came out of this program with a strong head on my shoulders," said one program graduate. Another said, "Now I feel like I can do anything because people are out there who care and believe in people like me. River rafting was the most exciting experience of my life!"

To commemorate its 35 years of accomplishment, ETC is bringing together participants, volunteers, and supporters for a celebration at Runnymede Sculpture Farm in Woodside on June 3. On October 20, it will host a special Regatta and Paddle-a-Thon in Sausalito, where everyone from casual to world-class paddlers will compete in a kayak race, followed by a barbeque and music.

In the years to come, ETC plans to initiate more local outdoor trips, and expand its integrated adventures for people with disabilities and the general public, Poslosky said. Operating out of Fort Mason Center, with ready access to the bay, has been particularly beneficial to ETC. "It has been the most perfect and ideal home that we could have asked for," she said.

"At the core of ETC is a commitment to fun-loving teamwork and sharing the adventure with all people," she said. "In a sense, we're creating a microcosm of the world we want to see."

For more about Environmental Traveling Companions, please visit www.etctrips.org. — *AL*

Diane Poslosky Executive Director
PHOTO: RON TIERNEY

INFO BOX

ENVIRONMENTAL TRAVELING COMPANIONS

DESCRIPTION
Environmental Traveling Companions (ETC) opens the beauty and challenge of outdoor adventures to people with special needs. Every year more than 2,200 people of all abilities join them to raft whitewater rivers, ski across alpine meadows, sea kayak the waters of the Golden Gate and sleep beneath the open sky. ETC trips enable participants to access the wilderness, gain environmental awareness, and share the adventure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Diane Poslosky

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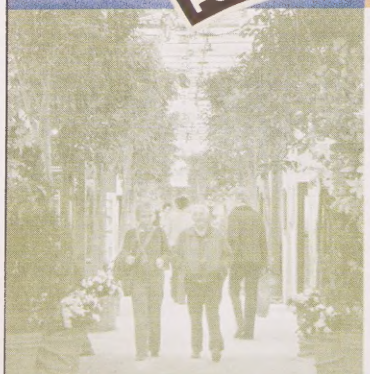

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